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Office Action Summary

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LEE, CHEOL SHEONG

Examiner

Vincent F. Boccio

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 2616.

Election With Traverse

1. Applicant's election with traverse of previous election in the reply filed on 5/10/04 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that,

"the multiple embodiments are sufficiently related, therefore, the conclusion is the search and examination can be accomplished without serious burden".

This is not found persuasive because the primary examiner does not agree with the opinion, that there does not exist serious burden on the examiner.

Further applicant had failed to state the embodiments are obvious variations, with respect to one another.

Since multiple distinct inventions represented by flow charts such as Figs. 4-6, there is serious burden on the examiner.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to amended claims 1-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

2. Claims 1-5 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Browne et al. (PCT/WO 92/22983) and Greenburg (US 4,258,385), as applied and further in view of Matthews, III et al. (US 6,025,837).

The rejection of claims 1-5, are incorporated by reference from the last action, as recited herein.

Regarding amended independent claims 1, 3, 5 and 10-12, the combination as applied fails to meet the limitations, as recited:

"wherein the communication means, **transmit IP address data and receive program information data**" and wherein the IP address data corresponds to a homepage of a broadcasting station", as recited in claims 10-12.

Matthews teaches with respect to Fig. 1, "communication means 32", and Fig. 2, "broadcaster home page URL, cbs, nbc, fox", thereby providing program information to a user thru a network with an address, associated with and meeting the limitation of a broadcasting station homepage, thru a URL, wherein according to col. 12, "NBC webpage ... initiate a routine which will record a program", as taught by Matthews.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination by utilizing an address {such as a URL} to obtain program guide information, from a broadcasting station homepage, thru a communication network, as taught by Mathews in order to facilitate the reception or to obtain EPG data, either for viewing or recording purposes, as suggested Matthews.

It is noted that the IP address is not the same as a URL address, but, as suggested by Matthews col. 8, lines 64-, "The target can be hyperlinks, URLs or any other designation for referencing a location containing supplemental content", as further taught by Matthews.

The examiner further takes official notice that the URL is understood as an indirect address that is converted or modifies to the corresponding the IP address, or wherein the IP address is a direct address, while the URL is an indirect address, that is converted, thru such as a lookup table to the IP address, therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination by utilizing a IP address -vs- a URL address, being considered to be an obvious functional equivalent to utilize an IP address -vs- a URL address, as would have been obvious to those skilled in the art at the time of the invention.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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